of a revolutionary and criminal character were found in their possession.

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RREMEN, Dec. 3.—The Vereins Bank has suspended. The late manager committed suicide in prison, and the present manager is under arrest. The suspension caused the stoppase of business of the firm of Bruning, of Bremen, who were large shareholders of the bank.

FRENCH MINISTERS NOT TO RESIGN.

to-night. At the urgent request of President Grevy, the other members of the Ministry as well as M. Waldeck

KILLED BY HIS RIVAL.

THE STORY OF THE DEATH OF THOMAS WATKINS.

A MISSOURI EDITOR. INT TREEDRAPH TO THE TRIBUNET

St. Louis, Dec. 3 .- Full particulars of the

killing of Thomas Watkins, the editor of The Revald, by John H. Diggs, the editor of The Courier, at Vienna

is in the centre of the State, and Diggs and Watkins were

fine specimens of the native Domocrat. Watkins was born at Salom, Alabama, and often boasted of his South

ern chivalry. Diggs was a Missourian by birth. The

Courier held the official patronage of Vienna, and was

the unity journal that town could beast until last fall, when Watkins started The Herald. The first issue of the

latter was a signal for hostilities, and from that time or each editor wrote and walked and talked in a way calcu

lated to make folks understand that he was true grit from toe-nails to hair-tips and a "Stayer from Stayville,

as Diggs remarked in his paper. The Courier, however

held the patronage without bringing about a clash of

arms. When the campaign opened the breach widened Diggs supported the cause of Hockaday in the Congres-

Herald in behalf of Silver Bland. When the fight came

The next move that worried Watkins was a popular

call for Diggs to become a candidate for the Legislature,

a call which Diggs accepted. He had three competi

tors. The contest, however, was practically between Diggs and Warren, the latter receiving 551 and the

former 509 votes of 1,400. In this struggle Watkins

used *The Herald* and his personal influence to defeat Diggs of *The Courier*. In the result *The Herald* was once more on the winning side, and the Watkins roosters

rowed lastily. Friends tried to bring the quarrelling ec

itors together for a settlement of their differences, but it

crowed lastily. Friends tried to bring the quarrelling editors together for a settlement of their differences, but it was in vain. An attempt to have Watkins sell out to biggs failed, because the former imagined that he would certainly secure a bonanza in the end, and the negotiations only fanned the fire. It gave the "ink-silingers" a notoriety which they seemed to enjoy. They began calling each other names. Diggs showed his contempt by discarding the use of capitals in speaking of "tom watkins", and Thomas Watkins returned the compliment by publishing the defeated Legislative candidate as a "levee hoodlum" who couldn't drive The He aid out of town. Diggs retorted in his next issue by applying derisive diminutives to Watkins, not failing to give definitions for his words when called upon.

Ench editor accused the other of running a mortgaged establishment and of being the pliant tool of those who owned his printing material. Watkins made a strong bid in The Herald for the public patronage, on the plea that The Courier outfit was owned by C. A. Bennett, now in Greely, Colorado, a man who paid no tax in support of the county, while The Herald is a home institution in the strictest sense. Diggs replied to this by charging that Watkins was an unreliable "dead heat" and owed for his paper into the bargain. On Friday Watkins was coming from the direction of his home at the time, As soon as he saw Diggs he drew a kinfe. Diggs drew his revolver and said that he thought things had gone far enough and that if Watkins was coming from the direction of his home at the time, As soon as holow at Diggs and missed him, but the force of the blow turned the aggressor's body almost around. Then Diggs fired at his opponent, shooting him twice in the back, and Watkins leaves a wife and two children. Diggs's honey moon has not yet waned and his young wife is nearly broken-hearted over his act. The rival factions are at dagger's points and more fighting is expected.

ROBBED OF HER HAIR AND MONEY.

IBY TRUEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 3 .- Mr. and Mrs. Charles

utherford live on a ferm near Petrolia; their house i

about a mile and a half from the town. They are en-

gazed in the production of oil, and have several good

wells. The couple have made money, and there was a

report current that they usually had a large sum in

the house. Night before last Mr. Rutherford felt unwell,

and fearing that he would not be able to sleep, decided to

pass the night in a shanty near the engine-house where he frequently watched the weils. Mrs. Rutherford went with her finishaid, and contrary to his expectations he was soon in a sound sleep. The shanty was guarded by a large Newfoundland dog. This dog was stienced for all time by a dose of poison administered on a piece of meat by the thieves, who then entered the shanty. They saturated a towel with chloroform, and bound it over the faces of the couple. When the husband and wife returned to conscioniness, it was found that Mrs. Rutherford's hair had been cut off close to her head. One hundred and fifty dollars had been stolen from the pockets of the couple, although the thieves had overlooked Stote in bills which were in a trank in the bedroom. A search is being made for the thieves.

SUICIDE BECAUSE OF A BROKEN LEG.

INVITELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

revealed to the daughter of Herman II. Rogge, of No. 114 East-st., Allegheny City, as she went into his room

about 8 a.m. to-day. The dead body of her father was hanging by a rope attached to a staple in the ceil-

ing. He was suspended immediately over the bed. Rogge was fifty-five years old, with a wife and five chil-

leege was litty-live years old, with a wife and live children, and had been he hed some time with a broken leg. A staple was driven into the ceiling above him, and a rope attached to it. This rope he used to assist him the moving about in bed, and in getting up. He had pulled himself to an upright position, made a noose on the end of the rope, placed it around his neck, lifted up his feet and slowly strangled to death.

DR. MAXWELL OBSTINATELY SILENT.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNG!

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Dec. 3 .- Dr. Maxwe'l,

the murdered his three children, was arraigned las

evening before Justice Rightmire, charged with murder

in the first degree. He was broughe in handcuffed and

reading of the affitavit he seemed utterly obvious to his surroundings. When asked waether he pleaded guilty or not guilty, he refused to make any reply. His pre-liminary trial is set for Thursday.

NATURAL GAS INSTEAD OF COAL.

1BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.1

the iron mills in this city met this morning to consider the feasibility of laying large pipes from the natural gas

wells in Butler County, Pennsylvania, to this city, a dis-

tance of twenty-six miles. The gas is to be used in al

the works instead of coal. The change has been made as great saving in other places. If the plan is adopted it is thought that it will reduce the cost of making iron several dollars per ton.

LIME KILNS IN VIRGINIA.

INT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

started up at Eagle Rock, on the James River, 200 mile

above Richmond, Va., by Maine capitalists. The ventur-

is an experiment entered into by Messrs. A. F. Crockett & Co. and Barry Brothers, of Rockland, Me., in company

with Messrs Warner Moore, William H. and James W. Allison, of Richmond. Lime klinshave existed in that section heretofore, but nothing permanent has ever been established, and the point aimed at is to reach interior markets in the South that cannot profitably be reached by lime shipped from Rockland, Mc.

BITTEN THIRTY YEARS AGO.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. MILLERSBURG, Ohio, Dec. 3.-The lasting

effect of a rattlesnake's bite was never better shown

than in the case of Mrs. Jane Pattersen, of this place

who was bitten over thirty years ago, and who at each

anniversary of the occurrence experienced all the pains

of poisoning. The last visitation was in August of the

present year. Since that time Mrs. Pattersen has been a continuous sufferer from the bite of thirty years ago, and to-day is said to be dying. She is the mother of twenty-

THE MURDER OF " CAP" MURPHY.

IBT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

Monday's murder has not yet subsided. The police are

still making arrests. They locked up two more of Judge

Ford's officers to-day, charged with having taken part in the murder. The witnesses of the murder were brought

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 3 .- Excitement over

Boston, Dec. 3.-The Portland correspondent

The Journal says that a week ago a lime kiln was

Youngstown, Dec. 3.-Representatives of all

Pritsburg, Dec. 3 .- A terrible sight was

o a close, Diggs's man was beaten

l fight in the XIth District, and Watkins used The

Missouri, on Tuesday night, have reached here. Vict

Paris, Dec. 3 .- A Cabinet Council was held

CHINA DETERMINED TO RESIST-NEGOTIATIONS FOR

MEDIATION AT AN END. Paris, Dec. 3.—The transportation arrangements for forwarding the French reinforcements to Ton-quin have been so timed that they will reach Haiphong about the end of January. General de Fisie advises the Government that he expects to clear Tonquin of the enemy in February and March -before the summer heats will compet the troops to seek shelter in cantonments. Le l'aris states that the Secretary of the Chinese Legation in Lonhas submitted proposals, in behalf of his Government, to Earl Granville which France can accept. The Temps denies the report that cholers has broken out in the fleet off Formosa.

LONDON, Dec. 3.-A dispatch from Hong Kong to The Times says: "It is believed here that China is determined to resist France to the utmost. She will insist on her suzerainty over Anam and on the right to maintain Chinese garrisons at the strategie points in that country. She will insist also that the French Legation to Anam shall be placed on the same footing as the legations of other

The Marquis Tseng, in an interview to-day with Earl Granville, protested that it was a breach of neutrality on the part of England to permit French mea-of-war to take in supplies at Hong Kong. The tentatives relative to mediation between France and China have ceased. The Isung-h-Yamen has rejected the overtures made by England in that direction.

BISMARCK BEATEN IN THE REICHSTAG. A MOTION PASSED TO REPEAL THE LAW IN RELA-

TION TO THE EXPULSION OF PRIESTS.
BERLIN, Dec. 3.—In the Reichstag to-day Prince Bismarck declared that the reintroduction of Dr. Windthorst's motion to repeal the law empowering the Government to expel or intern priests for ille gally exercising their functions after its recent rejection by the Bundesrath, was disrespectful to the Bundesrath. Dr. Windthorst, having replied to the speech of Prince Bismark, the Chancellor continued his remarks against Dr. Windthorst's motion to repeal the law expelling priests, etc. Prince Bismarck declared that the freedom of the Church was nowhere challenged, and that Prussia's rejection of the Papal candidates for the Bishopric of Posen was simply an exercise of her sovereign rights, and was in accordance with treaties. The Ministry, he said, is composed of Conservatives, new Liberals and Socialists, and it would surpass Mr.Gladstone's and Socialists, and it would surpass Mr.Gladstone's in audacity. He predicted the breaking up of the Centre party when the Hulturkampf terminated, and its members would either join the Progressive party or disappear. Prince dismarck continued by saying that he was less concerned about the struggle between the Church and State than Dr. Windthorst supposed. The law, he contended, was directed against political agitation, and not against religious liberty. In spite of Prince Bismarck's opposition, Dr. Windthorst's motion was passed by a vote of 217 to 93.

REPORTED RESIGNATION OF MR. FISH. Brussels, Dec. 3.-Nicholas Fish, the United States Minister to Belgium, has resigned. [Upon in-quiry at the State Department at Washington it was d that no information corroborative of the reported ation of Mr. Fish has yet been received.]

THE ADAMS-COLERIDGE CASE.

LONDON, Nov. 3 .- Mr. Adams has appealed against Justice Manisty's ruling in the former's action for libel against Bernard Coleridge, Mr. Coleridge at same time has informed Mr. Adams that he intends to e for a reversal of the jury's verdict.

CHALLENGED BY BISMARCK'S SON.

Paris, Dec. 3.-The Morning News reports that Count Herbert Bismarck recently challenged Eugene Richter on the ground that the latter had insulted the Chancellor in a speech in the Reichstag. Herr Richter refused to accept the challenge. He declared that he would not fight a duel with Prince Bismarck even concerning a matter which occurred in Parliament, and if not with him then much less with his son.

NEWS NOTES FROM LONDON.

The Aurania's Passage —The Curard Line steame Aurania passed Fastnet at 3 p. m. Her time was 6 days 10 hours and 50 minutes.

INTERNATIONAL INVENTIONS.—The executive council of the International Inventions Exhibition, to be opened next May, has resolved to receive American applications for space until January 31. This further and final extension of time has been granted in order that American inventions may be fully represented. The British Consul in New York has been appointed special agent in the United States, with instructions to facilitate this object.

SOUTH APRICA.—Cape Town advices state that Principle I pington had made a speech strengly favoring the Datch party. He spoke in uraise of the Bochman Boers and censured the policy of Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of Gape Colony. The speech has caused much excite ment and indignation in the Colony.

PRESIDENT DIAZ'S ADMINISTRATION.

City of Mexico, Dec. 3, via Galveston.-President Diaz has raised sufficient funds for the temperature rary needs of the Treasury and to pay the Government employes in full. The American railway subsidic

THE MEETING IN CONNECTICUE. HARTEORD, Dec. 3,-Connecticut's six Democratic electors voted to-day for Cleveland and Hendricks. Ex-State Senator J. D. Plunkett, of New-Haven, was ap-pointed messenger to Washington.

THE SENSATION IN PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 3 .- The apartments of M. Morin, who was shot by Madame Clovis Hugues, have been searched. Important documents were found, including a list of witnesses suborned by Madame Lenormand to testry against her husband. She wished to obtain a di-voice, and engaged the services of a private detective agency to prove improper intimacy between her husband and Madame Clovis-Hugues.

ENGLAND AND THE NIGER.

London, Dec. 3 .- Eart Granville has in Structed Sir Edward Malet to adhere to his declarations and to decline to admit that either the Powers or the Conference can interfere in that portion of the Niger ter ritory which is under English protection. In his positi at the Conference, Sir Edward Malet has the support of the delegates from Portugal and Italy against those of France and Germany. It is stated that the results ex-pected to be accomplished by the Conference have been imperilled by the Niger dispute.

Berrix, Dec. 3.—Sir Edward Malet's instructions are that England, in the interests of traders, had established a protectorate extending northward to Benin, southward Ambos Bay, thus comprising the whole lower Niger country to a junction with the Benone River. England does not claim the rivers crossing the Rio del lev. The river Niger is mavigable 630 kilometres as an river Benone 620 kilometres.

REPORTED DEATH OF THE MAHDI.

LONDON, Dec. 3 .- A dispatch from Dongola quail and that his followers are dying. The camel corps and the Staffordshire regiment will start for Ambuko

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 3.-The Egyptian government has abolished the cholera quarantine. The overland route for passengers to India has been re-established.

ITEMS FROM THE STAGE.

LONDON, Dec. 3 .- Mary Anderson's Lyceum Theatre Company, with the scenery of "Juliet" will perform twelve nights in Paris in May.

La-saile has signed an engagement with M. Strakosch
th America for six months in 1886, for \$100,000.

FRAGMENTS OF CABLE NEWS. INC. Dec. 3.—The building of a railway through the St. Bernard Mountain is under discussion.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The leaders of the majority in Parlia

Paris, Dec. 3.—Messrs, Wider and Phillippe have sen to the Theatre I/Ambigue Commune a play entitled "I. Clugdème Avenue," the scene of which is laid in New York at the present time.

Girkattan, Dec. 3.—The Spanish cruiser which cap tured a supposed samuggler in British waters, and wa afterward captured with its prey by a British steam launch, was a revenue cutter. She showed signs of light on the approach of the launch, but promptly surrender to when a abot was fired from the fortress. face to face to-day, with Judge Ford and the other persons under arrest for the crime, but all decided that they

87. PETERSBURG, Dec. 3.—Seventeen Anarchists, one of whom is a woman, have been arrested here Documents

could not identify one of them. The police seem to be much confused, and the mystery encircling this bold, daylight assassination remains as great as ever. The newappers unite in denouncing the crime vigorously, and call for some action that will ponish the murderers. A petition calling for a mass meeting to take some steps to free New-Orleans from criminals and punish the murderers in juil here was signed by a large number of merchants and business men, but was subsequently withdrawn from the fear that it might cause injury.

AN ALLEGED EVASION OF THE TARIFF. PASSING COATED IRON AND STEEL PLATES AS TIN

other members of the Ministry as well as M. Wanderstein, the Minister of the Interior, abandoned their intention of resigning their portfolios. The Council decided to re-submit the Senatorial Reform bill to the Senate, and demand the adoption of the scheme approved by the Commission of the Chamber of Denuties. IN NEW-YORK AND BOSTON. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

Pirrsnurg, Dec. 3.—The American Tin Plate eciation, of which John Jarrett is the general agent. has discovered a direct evasion of the sections of the tariff law regulating the duty on tin plates and sheet iron. Last summer the Appraiser's Department of the Philadelphia Custom House discovered that large tinned sheets were being entered as tin plates. The chief examiner ruled that they were tinned sheets and should be entered under the rate of Section 151 of the new tariff in dex, which provides the rate for plates and shee Iron. This rate on sheet from not themser than No. 20 and not thinner than No. 29, 15 cents per pound, and is provided that en all such iron and sicel sheets, o plates when gairanteed or coated with sine, or spelter shall be by of a cent per pound additional.

was affirmed by the Treasury Department on July 14 and also at a subsequent date. Since that time, these thined sheets have not been imported through the Custom House of Philadelphia, but have been coming in steadily through the custom houses of New York and Roston as in plates.

The loss on this account Mr. Jarrett declared to estimate, but said it was already equal to thousands of dollars a year and was grawing at an alarming rate. Mr. Jarrett has called the attention of the appraisors at New York and Boston to the decision in the Philadelphia case, but no copy of the ruling of the department had been received by them, and they consequently knew nothing about it. Mr. Jarrett's statement, now in preparation, is intended to bring the matter before the Secretary of the Treasury so clearly that the officers of all ports of entry will be instructed to stop the fraud.

THE NORTHWESTERN CAR COMPANY.

IT IS REORGANIZED AS THE NORTHWESTERN THRESHER MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)
St. Paul, Dec. 3.—The Northwestern Car and Manufacturing Company of Stillwater, of which Sen ator D. M. Sabin is president and manager, which failed last spring, has resolved to reorganize under the name of Northwestern Thresher Manufacturing Company The plan was agreed upon at a recent meeting of 100 creditors of the company in Boston, and its details are now published for the first time. The creditors are to purchase all the assets of the company, and the capital stock will be \$7,000,000. The principal office is to be in St. Paul, and all the financial affairs of the concern will be managed in this city. The manufacturing will be continued at Stillwater, The assets include over \$1.500,000 in machines constructed and in process of construction, and of timber, iron and other material purchased for the business of the car cept the company. The immense property in real estate also owned by the car company is dependent largely for its value on the existence and active operation of the shops; and the farmers' notes, amounting, at their estimated value -78 per cent of value with accumulated interest-te \$1,780,000, it is believed, would in many cases never be paid if the business were discontinued, as the company would not be able to fulfill its contracts with the farmers regarding repairs, etc. Some of the notes have been by

regarding repairs, etc. Some of the notes have occa by potherated.

These considerations had due weight with the assembled creditors, and it was the unanimous sense of the meeting that it was for the best interest of all concerned to reorganize the company upon the basis of giving each creditor the par value of this claim in a preferred stock, which shall practically amount to a first mortgace on all of the unhypothecated assets of the car company, and a common stock to the present preferred stockholders of the commany in exchange for their present preferred stock. The \$7,000,000 of capital stock will be divided into 140,000 shares of \$50 cach, classified as common and preferred stock. The amount of the former is to be \$1,000,000, or \$0,000 shares, and of the latter \$3,000,000, or \$60,000 shares.

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The first board of directors of the new corporation represent heavy interests. They are form Farnasworth, of the Boston National Rank I John S. Feng, Fong Eprations & Co., hankers, Boston; Francis A. Oslorne, Freeman National Bank, Boston; John B. Bacon, First National Bank, Chelsen, Vt.; Gastavus F. Davis, City National Bank, Chelsen, Vt.; Gastavus F. Davis, City National Bank, Hartford, Conn.; William H. Rhaum, National Bank, Morrester, William H. Rhaum, National Bank, Worrester, Mass.; O. D. Baldwin, Fourth National Bank, New-York; Abraham S. Bircelow, Massachusetts National Bank, Roston; Edward F. Lawrence, First National Bank, Chelsavo; A. B. Silekney, president of the Minneasta and Northwestern Eallway Computy, St. Paul, and R. F. Hersey, Hersey, Bean & Brown, Still-water.

NINE PERSONS POISONED.

THY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNG! FORT SPRING, W. V., Dec. 3.-The family and servants of Andrew Mann, of this place, were ned last night. Two persons are reported dead and four are not expected to recover, but three are out danger. This is the third attempt made in three weeks. It is supposed that the milk was poisoned by some enemy, as they all ate missh and milk for supper. There is no clew to the perpetrator of the horrible crime.

A CLERGYMAN CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

INVITELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. CHARDIN, Ohio, Dec. 3.-The Rev. James Ross was arrested at Middlefield last night, for forgery by United States Marshat William G. Miller, of Flint Mich. Ross came from Michican to Middledeld las May. He is about forty-five years old. The extent o of his forgeries is not made public.

REOPENING HOCKING VALLEY MINES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE,] NRISONVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 3,-Agents of what s now the Ohio and Western Company, remains of Lee's standard Syndicate, the first organized in the valley, are here arranging for the reopening of the company's mines and furnaces at New Floodwood. Mitchell and Orbiston have been shut down for two years. If successful the movement will give employment to from 1,000 to 1,500

A NEW WOMAN'S BANK.

Boston, Dec. 3 .- Mrs. Howe, of the Woman's Bank, after having served three years in the House of Correction for swindling depositors, has, it is reported, cord-st., which, from the advertisement, seems to be a somewhat similar institution to the Woman's Bank. seven dollars per month interest is offered on \$100, with three months' interest in anyance. The original Woman's Bank offered 8 per cent per month on \$100 and three months' interest in advance. Large deposits were received, with disastrous results to the depositors.

MISS M'MASTER ENTERS A CONVENT. BALTIMORE, Dec. 3 .- Miss Gertrude Mc-Master, a daughter of James A. McMaster of New-York, has become an inmate of the Carmellie Convent, in Bultimore. She is twenty-five years old, and has entered upon a novitrate with the purpose of preparing to take the veil and become a nun-of the Carmettle order. A younger sister of Miss Me-

of the Carmeitte order. A younger sister of Miss Me Master, known in religion as Sister Teresa, took the vel at the same convent about two years ago. A BRITISH STEAMSHIP SEIZED.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 3.—The British steamship Cranbrook, Captain Harvey, which arrived at this port to-day from Shields, England, was seized to-night by customs officers, on the charge of having thrown over-board four hundred tons of ceal which she had on board as bullast, while coming up Chesapeake Bay. The cap tain states that he was advised by the pilot to do it.

THE PLENARY COUNCIL.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 3,-There were two sessions of the Plenary Council to-day, and the most important business of the session was considered. For the the session only the archbishops, bishops and mitred ablots will participate in the proceedings. The work of abbots will participate in the proceedings. The work of the theologians is completed and the remainder of the week will be spent in the completion of the decrees al-

TO AID THE DESTITUTE MINERS. CLEVELAND, Dec. 3 .- The Press fund for the Hocking Valley sufferers reaches \$100 to-night. Late advices from the valley indicate an early settlement of difficulties.

FOR EMBEZZLING STATE FUNDS.

ELOPEMENT OF MISS WILLARD

A SURPRISE TO SOCIETY IN WASHINGTON. BREAKING A WEDDING ENGAGEMENT TO MARRY THE MAN SHE LOVED.

[BT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNG.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- The record of marriage licenses as published in the Washington evening newspapers to-day did not show that a license was issued to William Paxton and Mary E. Willard, both of Washington, although such a license wa actually obtained early this forenoon and a few minutes later the persons named were united in marriage by the Rev. Dr. Addison, of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, in the presence of several intimate friends. At 11 s. m. the happy couple left Washington, on a southward-bound train. William Paxton is a young patent-aftorney in this ard, a retired merchant of considerable wealth The Capital of November 30 said: " The announce ment of the marriage of Miss Mary E. Willard, of Capitol Hill, and Mr. Frank Sunsson, of New-York, is authorized. The happy event will take place next month probably on the 11th. They met in London while Miss Willard was abroad with her father, C. D. Willard, esq., of this city. Mr. Simpson is a son of Mr. George Simpson, of the firm of Donnell, Lawson & Simpson, bankers, of New-York, Mr. Willard said from Liverpool yesterday, and will be here to attend the wedding. He recently sent to the young lady a number of dresses which are said to be among the handsomest ever seen in Washing-

THE ENGAGEMENT WITH MR. SIMPSON. It is understood that the marriage engagement of Mr. Simpson and Miss Willard was strongly favored by her parents and was entered into by Miss Willard with extreme rejuctance because her affections had been elsewhere bestowed. After their return from Europe it is said that she frankly informed Mr. Eimpson that she loved another man, and begged a release from her engagement him, but so strong were parental influence and desire that the engagement remained unbroken and preparations for the marriage were rapidty pushed forward. By a large portion of Washington society the marriage has been looked forward to with great interest, while for weeks the rich and elegant trousseau of the intended bride has been the talk and envy of half the town. But dresses from Worth and diamonds from Tiffany's, with Simpson thrown in, could not satisfy the heart that beat for Paxton only. The favored suitor was informed that if the wanted being the state of the third that he wanted her he used marry her before December 11, for she must be married on or before that date. He wanted her. It is said that while her mother frowned on Mr. Paxton her grandmother favored his suit, believing that the sappiness of her favorite and beautiful grandchild depended upon its success.

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A week ago invitations to the wedding of Mr. Simpson and Miss Wulfard were printed to the number of 1,500, and afterward five hundred more were issued. When matters reached this stage Mr. Paxton confided his desires and ourposes to an intimate friend who undertook to make all the necessary arrangements for an elopement and who faithfully per formed that duty. Miss Willard this morning walked out to do some shopping, walked into Dr. Addison's and was married, walked to the railroad station under the escert of one of the bridegroom's friends, rejoined her husband on the train and they were whirled away toward the sunny South. Mr. Paxton is said to be a man of good family, excellent character, and fair ability, against whom no reasonable objection could be urged. The bride is twenty-two years o d, and is described as beautiful and accomplished.

REFUSING TO BELIEVE THE STORY. YOUNG SIMPSON AND HIS FAMILY SAY THAT IT CANNOT BE TRUE,

George Simpson lives in one of the handsomest houses in Grange. He is in the habit of reading an afternoon paper on his way home. He unfolded one yest erday as the train started out of the Hoboken depot, and the first item his eye caught contained the intelligence that the young woman to whom his son Frank was engaged to be married on Thursday next had eleped with William Paxton, a young lawyer, of Washington, and that the couple had gone South. The item also stated that Miss. Willard had asked to be released from her engagement. On reaching his home Mr. Simpson handed the paper to his son, who was greatly shocked at the startling news so suddenly put in his possession; but he thought that there could be no truth in it. The matter was discussed by the family, and all concluded that it could not be possible that Miss Willard had loped. Her lover had only left her on Monday in order to make final preparations for the wedding. He lives in Kansas City, where he is engaged in the real estate business, and came East to be married. He intended to take his bride West after the mar-

The elder Mr. Simpson said last evening that his on met Miss Wiliard in London three years ago. and had been engaged to her for eighteen months. Miss Willard went to school with her lover's sister, and often spent her holidays at Mr. Simpson's house in Orange. On one point Mr. Simpson wished to be explicit "Miss Willard," he said, "never asked to be released from her engagement to my son. On the other hand, she and her mother wished the wedding to take place at an earlier day, but as Mr. Wilhard was in England and desired to be present, my son considered it only proper to defer to his wishes, and postpone the wedding until Mr. Wilhard's arrival. Mr. Wilhard is on als way from England now. He is president of the Peninsula and Florida Railrond and is largely interested in Florida lands. His trip to Europe was taken in behalf of these-interests. From what I have seen of Miss Willard, I think there must be a mistake in this story. She spent some time at my house. She is about twenty years of age and is modest, retiring and protty. She was always attentive to devotional duties, attended church regularly, and always read a chapter of the Bible before retiring. In short, she appeared to me a model of a Christian young woman. If the story be true, there is a great surprise in store for Mr. Wilard when he lands, but until we receive more information on the subject than we at present possess we will consider it a seneration without foundation." be released from her engagement to my son. On prise in store for Mr. W flard when he lands, but until we receive more information on the subject than we at present possess we will consider it a sen-sation without foundation."

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sation without foundation."

When asked if his son had entertained any suspicion that his engagement to Miss Willard was not perfectly satisfactory to her, Mr. Simpson said:
"Not a particle. On the contrary, he had every reason to believe the opposite. If her wishes had been observed they would have been married ere this. We do not know Mr. Paxton and never heard of him."

RUNNING AWAY WITH A CHIEF-OF-POLICE.

A SILE IN THE FAMILY OF MAJOR PAULDING IN WHITE PLAINS.

Considerable commotion was caused last evening in the household of Major Hiram Paulding, Justice of the Peace and a practising lawyer of White Plains (who claims to be a descendant of Paulding, one of the captors of Major Andre at Tarrytown) because his daughter had eloped with George W. See, chief-of-ponce of White Piams. Major Paulding having ascertained recently that his danghter Martia, a prepossessing and welleducated young woman of about nineteen, was clandestinely meeting Chief Lee at the house of a friend, forbade her going there again. A fierce quarrel ensued, and the Major stormed and threatened. When asked whether she infended to marry the Chief, the young woman answered in the affirmative or evasively. Her father then told her that she was his daughter and that he would never recognize her again if she took that step.

Miss Paulding, however, had a will of her own, and lately she has spent much of her time with the family of J. E. Campbell, in Railroad-ave. On Tuesday evening she slept there nader some pre-text. About 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon she went to the parsonage of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, where she met Chief Lee, who had obtained a leave of absence for a few days from the Board of Vidage Trustees on the ground that he had private bush-RICHMOND, Dec. 3.—William R. Smith, chief elerk in the First Anditor's office, charged with embezzement of Staje funds, had a partial hearing in the police court to-day. The case was continued until tomorrow. Ball was refused and Smith was committed to Jail.

Trustees on the ground that he had private business to attend to. The comple were married by the Kev. De Los Lull. They immediately hurried to the railroad station and took a train for this city. As soon as they were safely out of the village an acquaintance of Major Pandding's called upon him to see how he would take the news. As soon as the

fact of the clopement was mentioned the father raved furiously and remarked that he would rather see her lying in her coffin than married to such a man. The idea that a young lady of good looks and good education, who had been brought up so tenderly that she had never had occasion to soil her hands with any kind of work, should marry George W. Lee was too much for him to contemplate. He declared that he would never recognize her or her husband. "Look at that picture of my daughter on the wall there," said the major, "and think that she should marry that thing in the shape of a man. And I don't want any body else to recognize her."

At a late hour Major Paulding's wrath was still body else to recognize her."

At a late hour Major Paulding's wrath was still above the boiling-point.

ELOPED AND GONE TO TEXAS.

A COMPLICATED DOMESTIC AFFAIR-WHAT THE

DESERTED ONES SAY. Mrs. Hannam, a widow with four children, on Saturday suddenly left her home, at No. 70 Powers at. Brooklyn. On the death of her husband she had received a considerable sum from benevolent societies of which he was a member, and she was well known in the neighborhood. On the day of her departure Thomas Johnson, a pointer, who is known throughout the Fifteenth Ward of Brooklyn, who has a wife and three children, and who is a fine looking Englishman, disappeared from his home, at No. 402 Grand at. And now the fremds of these two persons, to say nothing of the seven children and Mrs. Johnson, remember that on more than one occasion he had been berbustness agent. He had been to the Novelty Theatre with her once or twice. Their uncharitable friends, remembering all these delicate attentions, are now so inskind as to declare their belief that Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Hannam—and Mrs. Hannam's four children—have gone to Texas! True it is that Mrs. Hannam's ground-door is to let, and Mrs. Johnson said last night that, while she hoped it was not true that Mr. Johnson had acted so shamefully, she more than feared it was not all false.

RAILROAD INTERESTS.

ANOTHER THROUGH LINE TO THE SOUTH. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

RALEIGH, Dec. 3.-A glance at the map shows a gap in a through line of railway from New-York to New-Orleans from Hamlet, in this State, to Cheraw, in South Carolina. The through lines in this State are by way of Greensboro and Charlotte and by way of Weldon, Goldsboro and Wilmington. Raleigh has always been upon a side track and has never received any of the beneinto a side track and has never received any of the sensets of the enormous Florida travel during the winter months, nor of the fast mail. The managers of the scaboard system of railroads have not attempted a through line by Raleigh and on to Charlotte over the Carolina Central because they have no outlet at Charlotte, both roads at that point being under the control of the Richmond and Danville Company. The road from Richmond to Weidon is run in connection with the Atlantic Coast line, so that it has been impossible to have a through line by way of Raleigh without building a new road from Richmond direct to Ridgeway on the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, and then by filling in the gap from Hamlet to Rairoad, and then by filling in the gap from Hamlet to Cheraw. Moneure Robinson has a charter of the Virginia a d Carolina Railroad Company, authorizing the construction of a road from Richmond to Ridgeway, granted by North Carol na and Virginia, and has been rapidly building this line. He has also a charter of the Palmetto Railroad Company, granted by North and South Carolina, and has been constructing a road from Cheraw to Hamlet. The grading is done from Richmond to Ridgeway and the bridge across the Roanoke River is far advanced. The grading from Cheraw is completed and the road is ready for the iron. Both companies have ample means and both connections will be made by June.

CHANGE IN THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO. Pittsburg, Dec. 3 .- A private dispatch from Baltimore states that a rumor, which seems to be well founded, is current in that city that Thomas R. Sharpe will be Thomas M. King's successor as the general mana-ger of the Pittsburg division of the Baltimore and Oblo road. Mr. Sharpe is a practical railroad man of long experience and much energy. In the riots of 1876 h chieved a reputation in this city for his able minage ment of ratiroad affairs as master of transportation of ment of radicoal affairs as master of transportation of the main stem of the Baltimore and Ohlo road, together with its branches. It is said by those who are acquainted with Mr. Sharpe, during his former connection with the Baltimore and Ohlo road, that he was a little too lively for the late President Garrett, and that on being offered the receivership of the Long Island road he promptly ac-cepted it. After this Mr. Sharpe was elected president of one of the elevated roads of New-York, and is now con-nected with some of the Eastern lines.

FROM NORFOLK TO ATLANTA.

RALEIGH, Dec. 3.—A company of Boston apitalists has made a contract to build a wide gauge railroad from Gaffuey, on the Atlanta Air Line road, to Rutherfordion by the 1st day of October. The county has voted a subscription of \$100,000 in 6 per cent bonds payable in thirty years. Surveyors are now laying out payable in thirty years. Surveyors any now laying on the road. The same company contemplate extending the road from Rutherfordton through McDowell and Mitchell counties to Johnson Depot, on the Norfolk and Western Railroad. Mitchell County has ordered an elec-tion on December 16 upon a proposition to subscribe \$100,000 in bonds to aid the road.

> THE OHIO CENTRAL. THY TELEGRAPH. TO THE TRIBUNE.I

COLUMBUS, Dec. 3.-Judge Baxter, of the United States Circuit Court, granted a decree of fore closure this morning in the case of the Central Trus company, of New York, against the Central Ohio Coa Company and J. E. Martin, receiver, and J. E. Nell trustee of the Ohio Central Railroad Company. This amounts to Decree providing for the sale of the road

THE ALLEGHENY VALLEY BONDS. THY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 3.-In the United States Ciruit Court to-day Messrs, B. F. Jones, chairman of the Republican National Committee in the late campaign a petition in the proceedings of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and others against the Allegheny Vailey Railroad Company and others, in which they ask to inthe owners and holders of 272 bonds of the Allegheny Nelsy Railroad Company, amounting to \$248.200. A petition to intervene has also been presented by R. S. Hayes, the holder of \$113,000 of the bonds. It is understood that there are some \$3,000,000 of income bonds in the hands of private parties, who may intervene in the same manner as have Messrs. Ross, Hayes and the Loughith executors. THE RATES ON WESTERN CROPS.

Toledo, Dec. 3 .- The Produce Exchange of his city to-day adopted an address to the railway mangers of the country, setting forth the fact that the re ations are now so changed between the value of Western products and the old railroad rates as to demand re-vision and adjustment, even under a water rate from ake ports to the scaboard of 612 cents per bushel. The lake ports to the scattered of objects per obside. The Kansas farmer has realized only from 35 to 42 cents per bushel for his wheat. The corn crop is the great com-modity that furnishes fransportation. At the present prices the result to the farmer is so exceedingly small that the lowest rate will be required to give a steady winter business and prevent wholesale feeding of the crop, instead of moving the grain.

NO CHANGE IN THE RATE SITUATION.

There was no change in passenger rates to the West yesterday. The reduced rates of the previous day were maintained nominally, but ticket brokers were melined to shade their prices still more, although they were doing a lively business all day. At the general offices of the West Shore Railrond it was said that there had not been the slightest change in the situation. The had not been the slightest change in the situation. The price of tickets would be no higher than the lowest actual rates by any other line. In regard to the report that a settlement of the war west of Chicago had been reached, a Broadway ticket broker said just as he handed a customer a ticket to Omaha: "That man will travel from New-York to Chicago for not over \$8, and from there to Omaha for \$1 more. Perhaps the war has been settled everywhere, but I think I shall know it before I have ruined myseif."

The contest at the general meeting of the New-York and New-England Railroad Company on Tuesday promhad year-ligane to the amount of stock held in New-York is believed to be small, but proxies on it are being eagerly sought. The opposition to the present management, which was placed in control last year, is large and active. It is understood that Mr. Gould and his friends sold their stock some time ago and will take no part in the present struggle.

ALL MURDERED WITH AN AXE.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 3 .- Last night at Camilla, anknown persons entered stephen Godwin's house and killed him with an axe while in bed. They also killed Mrs. Melinda Gregory and son in their beds. No money was taken, but Godwin's horse and buggy and shotgun are missing.

COUNCIL OF THE IRISH LEAGUE. The Municipal Council of the Irish Nadonal League met last night at No. 61 Union place. Letters were read by the corresponding secretary from different councils through the country, showing that they are in a flourishing and prosperous condition. An address has been issued by the Municipal Council which, the president, Joseph P. Ryan, announced, would be sent to all the councils of the League. The address urges the maintenance of organization that the value of discipline may be better learned.

PRICE THREE CENTS. WAS THE WOMAN MURDERED!

CLEWS TO THE CARLETON HOUSE MYSTERY THE AUTOPSY-A PRINTER WHO OCCUPIED A ROOM

WITH A TRAP-DOOR-HIS VISITORS,

The police did little or nothing yesterday, to all appearances, toward unraveiling the myssurrounding the dead woman whose was dug out of an ash-heap in sub-cellar of the Carleton House on the previous afternoon. Early in the day the heap of ashes, earth, bits of broken glass, bones and parchment-like flesh which was called the body was removed to the Morgue, There the clothing was out from the skeleton, and an examination of the remnants was made at 4 o'clock by Coroner Merkle and his deputy, Dr. Messemer. The autopsy was as complete as circumstances permitted, but after it was finished Dr. Messemer said that he was unable to tell whether the woman died from violence or otherwise. There was no fracture of the skull, and as far as he could see no marks of violence could be distinguished. The conglomeration of dirt, bones, etc., was replaced in the rade wooden coffin, the clothing which had been cut of was hung upon wooden pegs on the side of the Morgne, and Coroners and dead-keepers went about their

business to await identification, At nightfall Charles Baker, of No. 156 Waverly Place, a machinist, called to look at the skeleton and inspect the clothing, hoping to find his wife, who had been missing for nearly two years. When last seen she was on her way to see her father at Schenectady. He did not identify the remains.

ATTRACTIONS OF THE CARLETON HOUSE. Carleton House proved a source of attraction to many people through-out the day. They stood on the street corners and stared vacantly at the eight-story structure. The revelations of the previous day stirred the tongues of all the gossips in the neighborhood and in the hotel itself, and many people went to sleep in the building and in the immediate vicinity satisfied that a hidden " murder was out" at last. The fact that the spot where the body was found in the sub-cellar was scarcely accessible to a drunken person groping blindly in the dark, with the additional facts that no shoes or hat could be found near the body, and that the man's white undershirt which was muffled about her face had been tied so tightly with two bits of stout cord that it was necessary to cut it loose with a knife, furnished reasons for believing that the woman was murdered. Such is the belief of the people

A BAD ODOR FROM THE CELLAR. The body, when found, was lying close against a

bricked-up arch in a partition of the sub-cellar; almost directly overhead was a big trapdoor that had lately been made fast by two heavy cleats nailed underneath. This trapdoor, which is six is in the floor of a basement room, long, narrow, damp and dark, occupied by Charles Williams, a bill poster, as a shop since May 1, 1883. When Mr. Williams took possession of his shop he noticed a strong smell that resembled the smell of a dead body and it seemed to come from the cellar. He complained of it to John Hayes, who looked after the sanitary arrangement of the houses be-longing to the Cromwell estate, which included the Carleton House. Other tenants noticed the same smell and complained of it. Mr. Hayes sprinkled disinfectants about the room and into the cellar through the trap-door, and by-and-bye the obhoxious smell ceased. The origin of the stench was not dreamed of until the discovery of

Benjamin Gray, a printer, occupied the room with the trap-door in it before it was rented to Mr. Williams. Gray was a man of about twenty-nine years. He was tall, thin and had black eyes and a long black mustache. He kept a printing-oress in his room and also a mattress, as it was his sleeping apartment. To the other tenants of the basement rooms to the right and left of him Mr. Gray said that he was a married man. He was often visited in his subterranean apartment by two women. Their frequent calls and evident jealousy attracted the attention of William Heist, who keeps a tailor's shop just above him two doors north, and of Mr. Streetmatter, who kept to restaurant just above the entrance to Gray's basement. Mr. Heist said yesterday that one day Mr. Streetmatter called his attention to the small lady like hand of one of Gray's visitors. His attention was drawn to it as the hand rested on the iron rail that led down; to the printer's room. The two women, according to Mr. Heist, were mordinately jealous of each other. Gray said that one of them—the one with the delicate hand—was his wife. There were frequent quarrels in the printer's room and the sound of blows sometimes came through the floor to the ears of the other tenants over head. One day the woman who wascalled Mrs. Gray knocked vainly at the door of her hindand's room for admittance. She went away crying. The last time she was soon she had a baby in her arms. Then she disappeared and the quarrels below ceased. Shortly after that Gray also disappeared, Gray's lease of the premises was to be for one year from May 1, 1883, but as theformer occupant, Micholas Buckheari, a kaisominer, had vacated the place he took possession of the basement about Christmas, 1882. He paid \$\$5 a mouth rent, but on March 29, without saying anything to Contractor Hayes or anybody connected with the building or the estate, he went away, leaving no word behind him as to where he had gone. Mr. Heist said that he had read in a newspaper that Benjamin Gray, a printer, had last winter been arrested in Hoboken for knocking a woman down with a club, robbing her of \$4, and leaving her for dead in the road. He said the woman who was assaulted lived formerly in the Carleton House, where she was employed as a laundress. Some of his children also told Mr. Heist that they had seen Gray in the vicinity of New Chambers-st, and New Bowery recently. A printer of that name is known in the vicinity of New Chambers-st, and New Bowery recently. A printer of that name is known in the vicinity of New Chambers-st, and New Bowery recently. A printer of that name is known in the vicinity of New Chambers-st, and New Bowery recently. A printer of that name is known in the vicinity of New Chambers-st, and New Bowery recently. A printer of that name is known in the vicinity. His friends say that he works for the printing house of Green & tors. His attention was drawn to it as the hand rested on the iron rail that led down to the prin-

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WOMAN. The most striking thing about the skeleton of the dead woman found under the trap-door of Gray's basement room is the smallness of her hands. Dr. Messemer said she was not over tweety-five years old. Her clothing consisted of a black polonaise sacque with a wide fringe, a red calico waist with lace embroidery about the throat and wrist bands. Her brown hair was abundant and tied beamd with a string. From her clothing, Mr. Heist said that he could not identify her; nor could he by the color of her hair.

-Contractor Hayes said that on February 11, 1882, he went into the cellar and moved a large quantity of asnes against the wall where the body was found. He will swear that there was no body there at that time. Subsequently he went into the cellar and noticed nothing wrong; that was before Gray moved in. A year ago, when he went into the cellar to nail up the trap-door after Gray had gone, he noticed nothing but Gray's mattress, which was about ten feet from the spot where the body was found. ty-five years old. Her clothing consisted of a black

A trap-door and stairway led into the noisome sub-cellar from the landry which a joins Gray's basement-room, and a trap-door with a stairway leads down from thomas Taylor's policy shop which adjoins the office.

THE WOMAN IDENTIFIED.

The dead woman was identified late last night at the Morgue by Charles Spranger, of No. 80 Lewis-st, as his sister, Mary Smith, the wife of a plumber living at No. 274 Stanton-st., who disappeared from home in June, 1883, after having a quarrel with her husband. She took a small satchel and went off, vowing that she would never be heard from again. Her husband formerly worked for a plumber in St. Mark's-place.

A POSTMASTER SHOT BY MEXICANS.

Washington, Dec. 3 .- A letter received at the Post Office Department to-day stated that the post office at Charce, Galiad County, Texas, was entered by Mexican robbers on the night of November 24 and robbed of money and other valuables. Upon leav-ing the robbers fired upon and killed the newly ap-pointed Postmaster, Casar Bazaar.